

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 16th February 2014

IRTS 82nd AGM Dinner & Rally March 22nd, 23rd 2014

The IRTS AGM is almost upon us. Tickets for the AGM dinner are selling fast and are available on a first come first served basis.

The venue this year is the sumptuous surroundings of the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, on Saturday March 22nd. You may purchase your tickets for €35 from Steve EI5DD on 087 2451218 or QTHR. You may also get your tickets from John EI1EM on 086 8154979 at QTHR. This promises to be a very special AGM dinner.

The usual radio rally takes place on Sunday March 23rd and all of the major traders including Maplin Electronics with their catalogue available. WESCOM will also be a trader at the rally. There will be a bring and buy stand which will be manned for those wishing to sell second hand gear. A room will be available for CW (Morse) test.

Accommodation is available from The Galway Bay Hotel at a special rate when you mention the IRTS AGM. You may contact the hotel on 091 520520. The Rockbarton Park Hotel also offers special rates, 49Euro for a single room and 35Euro per person sharing. The Rockbarton can be contacted on 091 522286. You must mention IRTS when booking your room. For complete details please refer to www.irts.ie/cgi/agm.cgi.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday 22nd May in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Places for the examination are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis so you are advised to apply early. Some applications for this exam have already been received. If warranted by the number of candidates, a morning session will be held in addition to the usual afternoon session.

Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam. Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday 30th April.

IRTS Awards

Entries and nominations for all awards for Service to the Society or to Amateur Radio and the awards for Other Achievements should be submitted by post or e-mail, and can be forwarded to Jim Holohan, EI4HH, Chairman Awards Committee, QTHR, or email awards /at/ irts.ie. Closing date for entries and nominations is 28th February 2014. Awards for Service to the Society or to Amateur Radio may be made to members or non-members. See www.irts.ie/awards for more information on all IRTS awards.

Finally, on the subject of awards, Peter EI4HX, the Awards Curator, reminds us that recipients of awards and cups given out at last year's IRTS AGM in Athlone are requested to return their Trophies and Cups in good time to allow for engraving for the forthcoming IRTS AGM 2014. Trophies and Cups maybe returned to the IRTS stand at the Coolmine Rally on 16th February or to any IRTS Committee member before 28th February.

EI6IJ Fund in support of Affiliated Clubs

Annually, the IRTS Committee will consider the awarding of a number of grants to Affiliated Clubs. The grants will be of around €300 and usually not exceeding a total of €1000 in any one year. These grants will assist with the holding of public special event stations by clubs affiliated to IRTS. The stations should have significant public exposure with the specific intention of demonstrating Amateur Radio to members of the public.

Further information and terms and conditions are on the IRTS website at www.irts.ie/EI6IJ

IRTS News now on EI2MOG

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society have announced that for the foreseeable future the IRTS news will be transmitted from EI2MOG on 145.2125MHz, CTCSS tone 88.5Hz, on Monday nights at 20.00. Essential maintenance is being carried out on the Dundalk 2M VHF EI2CCR repeater.

The Winter 2013-4 Edition - 09 - of The 5 MHz

Newsletter is now available.

It's a new year with new allocations and a bumper 5-page issue ! As well as latest news there's also an article on the Supremacy of 5 MHz as a Communication Bridge, Beacon Spot features the new South African ZS6KTS Beacon plus items on Digital Voice and another new webSDR on 60m, together with the latest update of the Worldwide 5 MHz Amateur Allocations Chart - now with a total of 31 countries.

The publication is available on tinyurl.com/o26huzb

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held at The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Thursday the 20th of February 2014 at 8pm. This meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are in particular very welcome to attend. A number of radio related topics are up for discussion as well as plans for participation in up coming events. For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group go to www.ei7trg.org

Limerick Radio Club AGM

Due to bad weather during the week the postponed AGM of Limerick Radio Club will now take place this Wednesday evening 19th February, at 7.30pm in the Limerick Institute of Limerick. All members are requested to attend.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The 2014 AGM of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday 24th of February at 8.00 p.m. All members are asked to attend and new members or anyone wishing to learn more about our group and amateur radio are very welcome to come along also. For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's actives you can check our website www.searg.com and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

DX News

Yoshi JE2EHP will be active as FK/K1HP from New Caledonia from 18 – 23

February. He plans to use CW, SSB and RTTY. QSLs go via his Japanese call.

Michael G7VJR will operate from Bermuda from 19 – 27 February. He will use the callsign VP9/G7VJR. Michael is well-known in the DX fraternity as the author of the very popular ClubLog. QSLs for the Bermuda trip go via M0OXO.

Brian K1LI will be on the Caribbean island of Dominica from 21 February until 10 March. He will be QRV as J7Y. He will mainly take part in the ARRL DX Contest but will focus on the low bands outside the contest. QSLs go via his home call.

Another Caribbean station to be active until 25 March is V47JA from the island of St Kitts. The operator is John W5JON who spends his time between his home in Texas and his home on St Kitts. QSLs go direct to W5JON and he also uploads his logs to Logbook of the World.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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